

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1 and ending at page 6, line 15.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16 and ending at line 17.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18 and ending at line 22.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 23 and ending at line 25.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 6, line and ending at page 7, line 13.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14 and ending at line 16.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

-- An advantage of the lamp mounting arrangement of the invention disclosed herein is that it may reduce the duration of the lamp insertion/alignment process to less than a minute, whereas with known microscope illuminators, this process may take from 30 minutes to more than one hour. --

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